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For: INHIBITORS OF SPERMIDINE SYNTHASE FOR THE
TREATMENT OF OSTEOARTHRITIS AND CARTILAGE
REHABILITATION

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

In accordance with their duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and § 1.97(a)-(b) applicants would like to direct the Examiner's attention to the following references which are listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 (**Exhibit A**) and copies of which are attached hereto:

1. U.S. Patent No. 5,514,703, issued May 7, 1996 to Carlson et al. (**Exhibit 1**);
2. Pegg et al. Effects of S-andenosyl-1,3-diamino-3-thioctane on Polyamine Metabolism. Biochem. 1982; 21(20): 5082-5089 (**Exhibit 2**);

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3. Shirahata et al. Effects of Inhibitors of Spermindine Synthase and Spermine Synthase on Polyamine Synthesis in Rat Tissues. Biochem Pharmacol. 1993; 45(9): 1897-1903 (**Exhibit 3**);
4. Slotkin et al.. Polyamides in brain and Heart of the Neonatal Rat: Effects of Inhibitors of Ornithine Decarboxylase and Spermidine Synthase. Life Sci. 1984; 35(10): 1125-1131(**Exhibit 4**);
5. Trentham et al. Autoimmunity to Type II Collagen: An Experimental Model of Arthritis. J. Exp. Med. 1977; 146: 857-868 (**Exhibit 5**);
6. Kong et al. Activated T cells regulate bone loss and joint destruction in adjuvant arthritis through steoprotegerin ligand. Biochem. Nature. 18 Nov 1999; 402: 304-309 (**Exhibit 6**);
7. Han et al. Effects of Sodium Hyaluronate on Experimental Osteoarthritis in Rabbit Knee Joints. Nayoga J.. Med. Sci. 1999; 62(3-4): 115-126 (**Exhibit 7**);
8. Cohen et al. Storing live embryonic and adult human cartilage grafts for transplantation using a joint simulating device. Biomaterials. 2000; 21: 2117-2123 (**Exhibit 8**);
9. Vittur et al. A possible role for polyamines in cartilage in the mechanism of calcification. Biochem Biophys Acta. 19 Mar 1986; 881(1): 38-45 (**Exhibit 9**);
10. Nesher et al. Effect of treatment with methotrexate,

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hydroxychloroquine, and prednisone on lymphocyte polyamine levels in rheumatoid arthritis: Correlation with the clinical response and rheumatoid factor synthesis. Clin. Exp. Rheumatol. Jul-Aug 1997; 15(4): 343-347 (**Exhibit 10**);

11. Wolos et al. Methylacetylenic Putrescine (MAP), an Inhibitor of Polyamine Biosynthesis, Prevents the Development of Collagen-Induced Arthritis. Cell Immunol. Feb 1990; 125(2): 498-507 (**Exhibit 11**);
12. Lakanen et al., Synthesis and Biochemical Evaluation of Adenosylspermidine, a Nucleoside-Polyamine Adduct Inhibitor of Spermidine Synthase. J. Med. Chem. 38:2714-2727 (1995) (**Exhibit 12**); and
13. Liu and Coward, Stereospecific Synthesis of (R)- and (S)-S-Adenosyl-1,8-diamino-3-thioctane, a Potent Inhibitor of Polyamine Biosynthesis. Comparison of Asymmetric Induction vs. Enantiomeric Synthesis. J. Med. Chem. 34:2094-2101 (1991) (**Exhibit 13**).

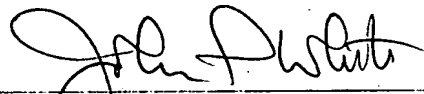
The above listed references 1, 12, and 13 were cited in a search report issued in connection with an international counterpart of the subject application. A copy of the search report is attached hereto as **Exhibit B**.

If a telephone interview would be of assistance in advancing prosecution of the subject application, applicants' undersigned attorney invites the Examiner to telephone him at the number provided below.

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